

MinutesAugust 21, 2001 9:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Matt Brainard, Commissioner
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford
Utility Division

(274) In the matter MDU Resources Group, Inc., Docket No. D2001.7.94; On July 24, 2001, MDU Resources Group, Inc. filed an application seeking authorization to issue and sell up to an additional 2,600,000 shares of Common Stock, par value of \$1.00 per share, in connection with the Company's 401(k) plans of the Applicant, namely the Tax Deferred Compensation Plan for non-bargaining unit employees (the "Savings Plan") and the Tax Deferred Compensation Plan for Collective Bargaining Unit Employees (the "Bargaining Unit Plan"). The merger of the Bargaining Unit Plan with and into the Savings Plan and the new name of the Plan were effective January 1, 1999. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the stock issuance. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(275) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of August 13, 2001. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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APPEARANCE
Will Rosquist

(276) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the implementation of HB 645, electrical energy pool, Docket No. D2001.3.30; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the supplemental order. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(277) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the Federal Communications Commission's order on eligible telecommunications carrier disaggregation and targeting; Commissioner Rowe moved to send the letter to Montana's rural carriers. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0. Commissioner Anderson did not leave a vote on this issue.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson, Tina Shorten

(278) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of CenturyTel's special recovery of line extension costs to Star Meadows, Whitefish, Montana, Docket No. D2001.8.104; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a notice of filing and request comments. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(279) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the complaint against American Internet and Innovative Calling Technologies, Docket No. D2000.2.26; Commissioner Rowe moved to dismiss the complaint. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

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Laura Calkin

(280) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of National Regulatory Research Institute' s dues payment for fiscal year 2002; Commissioner Rowe moved to pay the NRRI dues. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Anderson voted aye.

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